

Reflection from Fr. Alex Steinmiller, C.P.

March 14, 2021 - 4th Sunday of Lent

2 Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23 & John 3:14-21 with Ephesians 2:4-10

Join me today in demonstrating the meaning of being God's handiwork, that is, you and I who are the results of God's creative love and mercy...visible and tangible, sent on a mission. And that mission is nothing less than inviting at least one parishioner to meet Jesus in a personal encounter of healing in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. And then go to the Table of the Lord (after how long?) to receive who you are, and, to be who you receive, the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. Yes, it is spiritual, but it is real and doable. And this is God's creation, God's handiwork, so rich in mercy. (Fr. Alex is doing this himself, if that helps!)

And God's richness is demonstrated in a real way, when we read how God "used" a powerful world ruler, named Cyrus, as an instrument in the deliverance of the Israelites from the cruel, long exile in Babylon. Cyrus was not another Abraham, nor another Moses. Cyrus was not a believer, and he was not aware of being used by God, but, nevertheless we are shown the extent of God's mercy through him in the deliverance of a whole tribe of people from forced captivity.

Anyone can be that opportunity to show God's mercy. And more often than not it is the situation, or the individual, we least expect that has been chosen to show the richness of God's mercy.

So I am here to encourage you, urge you, to do what I am doing in whatever way you see fit. (Notice I did not say "In any way you feel comfortable!") It is God's handiwork, not ours. Trust that God knows what God is doing. (Any questions about the intricacies of God's universe, or the complexities of our human bodies?)

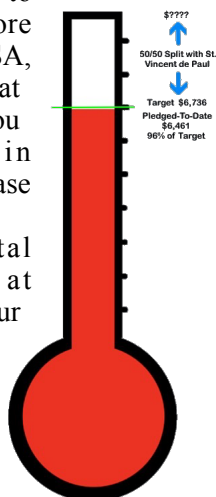
"This is not from you;" (as St. Paul writes today) "it is the gift of God; it is not from works (i.e., it is not from anything we have done), so that none may boast. For we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good work that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them." (Eph. 2:8b-10)

Trust God, trust your fellow parishioners, trust me...we will do this! Like in every handiwork of God, that which is produced goes far beyond our human expectations.

2020 Catholic Services Appeal

The 2020 CSA Campaign is nearing its end. Go to www.AOD.org for more information about the CSA, or make a donation at www.givecsa.org. If you require assistance in making a pledge, please contact Ed Shea.

To date, our total amount pledged is at **\$6,461**, or **96%** of our target. Remember, any amounts received over the target are returned to the parish, and will be shared 50/50 with our St. Vincent de Paul ministry.



Sacrament of Reconciliation

The season of Lent is a time to repent for our sins as we look forward to the resurrection of our Lord at Easter. We thank Fr. Alex Steinmiller, CP for joining Fr. John today to provide each of us the opportunity to receive the healing gift of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Fr. John and Fr. Alex will be available after Mass.

Welcome Back!!

Today we welcome back parishioners who are now able to safely return to Mass here at Marygrove. We also continue to livestream the Mass for those whose circumstances prevent them from being physically present. For information regarding Archbishop Vigneron's guidance on attendance at Mass, go to <https://www.aod.org/emergencyresponse>.

Lenten Bible Study On Purpose

Join Fr. John and Jennie Sinatra during Lent for ***Bible Study On Purpose***. Discover the significance of each week's Sunday Mass readings. All sessions will be offered with afternoon and evening options. ***All sessions are via Zoom only!***

- Every Wednesday during Lent, with Liturgy at 12:00 p.m. followed by Bible Study on Purpose.
- Every Friday during Lent, with Stations of the Cross at 6:30 p.m. followed by Bible Study on Purpose.

Our Mission Statement

Having reflected on the "four faces of our parish," **St. Peter Claver Catholic Community**, chosen by the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus, and under the guidance of Mary, resolves that: 1) we will provide more opportunities for deepening prayer life and faith life for youth, young adults, and adults; 2) we will initiate efforts to reach out and re-connect with those individuals and families who have disconnected from the Church; 3) we will collaborate with other faith communities and organizations within our parish to offer ecumenical events/activities (e.g., neighborhood clean-ups, prayer meetings, health fairs); and, 4) we will utilize resources within our parish community to advocate for education and to promote social justice issues.

COVID-19 Vaccine Available at Corpus Christi

In conjunction with Henry Ford Health System, Corpus Christi Parish will be a site for COVID vaccinations. The site will be operating for the next three weeks on Tuesdays:

- March 16 – Ages 60+
- March 23 – Ages 60+ & 50+ with underlying conditions
- March 30 – Ages 60+ & 50+ with underlying conditions
- Goal is to vaccinate 200 people per day.
- Moderna vaccine being issued.
- 8 consecutive weeks (first and second dose).
- For Detroit residents and registered parishioners.

The phone number to call is: (313) 649-4989. When you call, you will be directed to voicemail to leave your name and number. You will then receive a return call to set up an appointment.

The Virtual States Tea Has Been a Great Success!!

Our first “Virtual” States Tea has raised \$4,333 from 72 donors, including 44 non-parishioners. If you haven’t donated yet, just go to our parish website. You can donate on the website, by mail, or by dropping an envelope in the collection basket.

Camp Sancta Maria

Camp Sancta Maria is honored to have a role in the process of forming young Christian lives. At Camp Sancta Maria, your child will experience 1-2 weeks full of fun, personal growth and spiritual development in a technology free zone. Their time at camp is filled with activities for everyone: horseback riding, swimming, ropes course, sports, arts and crafts and more. But most importantly, their time at CSM balances out the physical activities with a strong spiritual environment, with campers attending daily Mass, praying the angelus and having quiet time to reflect on their relationship with Christ.

To learn more about Camp Sancta Maria or to register, visit CampSanctaMaria.org.

Reminder: The Ministry Commission has been re-scheduled for Friday, March 26, at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Eucharistic Heart of Jesus Intercessory Prayer Team

Beverly Alessio, Inez (Retinella) Alls, Florine Anderson, Alberta Asmar, Sylvia Baker, Warren Bridges, Donald & Barbara Carter, Michael Clarence Carter, Johnnie Davis, Peggy Endlein, Ara Grier, Sandra Griffin, Karen Hickman, Myrtis Hildebrandt, Jacqueline Johnson, Bobbie Lewis, Addison Martin, Augusta Martin, Dorothy (Vicki) Martin, Charles Nelson, Joan S. Noland, Nancy Oberhausen, Grady & Celestine Parker, Fred & Villa Ray, Romaine Redd, Flossie Ryles, Jeanne Schuldt, Irene Scott, Gussie Seay, Augusta Starks, Mary Tyler, Christine Versele, Helen Wajda, Anna Washington, Lillie Washington, Carmel Weems, Leonard & Ona Wilson

Also, Please Remember in Prayer:

Wayne Bradley, Olivia Boulden, Christopher Durant, Rochelle Evans, Kiara Harris, Marley Jonah, Mary Caroline Jonah, Johnetta Mutes, Elke Rittenhouse, Elaine Ryles, Terrence Tidwell, Charles Tilghman, Jon Viado, Vickie Viado, Constance Washington-Daniel, Larry Washington, and relatives of our parishioners

Ministers Schedule

March 21, 2021

Celebrant: Rev, John Phelps, C.Ss.R.

Minister of Service: Patricia Woods

Lector: Bill Tidwell

Meetings/Events This Week

Sunday	10:00 am	Mass in Church and via Zoom
Tuesday	10:00 am	St. Vincent de Paul at Mt. Lebanon
Wednesday	12:00 pm	Mass via Zoom
	12:30 pm	Bible Study On Purpose via Zoom
Friday	6:30 pm	Stations of the Cross via Zoom
	7:00 pm	Bible Study On Purpose via Zoom
Saturday	12:00 pm	Mentor Coaches Meeting via Zoom
Sunday	10:00 am	Mass in Church and via Zoom

Legend: PH=Parish House; MC=Marygrove College
Church refers to the Sacred Heart Chapel at Marygrove College
For the “live” Parish Calendar, go to spcccdetroit.org

Sacramental Preparation

Are you, or someone you know, interested in joining the Catholic Church or receiving one of the sacraments? Please contact Jennie Sinatra at the Parish Office.

Collection Results

We continue to rely on your support. Please send your weekly donation to the Parish Office. Or you may want to consider online giving. It’s convenient, secure, and totally in your control!

Give Online at spcccdetroit.org

St. Peter Claver Catholic Community

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website: www.spcccdetroit.org

Mass: Every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. in the Church
(Check the bulletin for holy days and special services)

Reconciliation: Before Mass or By Appointment

Parish Office Hours: Parish Staff is currently working from home. Please contact Ed Shea if you require assistance.

Reverend John Phelps, C.Ss.R., Pastor

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